



## DPG outreach entices Superbike crowds

An estimated 55,000 people attended the three-day event. This was Miller Motorsports Park's highest attendance figure since it opened in 2006.



Photo by  
Bonnie A. Robinson

Chris Apple, a senior analyst with Aerodyne, answers questions about the Shadow UAS at Dugway Proving Ground's outreach program May 29.

By Michael M. Robinson  
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High speed motorcycles and 1980s rock bands were not the only crowd pleasers at the 2010 HANNspree FIM Superbike World Championship

at Miller Motorsports Park May 29. The Dugway Proving Ground outreach display of the Shadow Unmanned Aircraft Systems and the multi-million dollar mobile biological laboratory also drew the interest of race enthusiasts and concert goers.

Jenny Christensen, of the Rapid Integration Acceptance Center (RIAC), at DPG, and Chris Apple, a senior analyst with Aerodyne answered the questions of eager on-lookers at the Shadow display. The sleek aerodynamic lines seemed to be as enticing as those of the BMW, Ducati, and Yamaha racing motorcycles displayed nearby, as large crowds gathered at the Dugway displays.

Dugway's West Desert Test Center Special Programs Division had its deployable Biological Safety Level 2 laboratory open for display. Jacobs contractor

Allison Bennett gave tours of the impressive mobile bio lab. She explained the mission capabilities of the lab and its potential for support of Utah communities in case of a biological attack, accident, or incident. Display panels also showcased

Dugway environmental stewardship efforts to sustain test ranges and preserve its pristine wildlife habitats.

Dugway outreach displays and laboratory tours appeared to be a popular stop between motorcycle racing events and before the sounds of electric guitars and the beat of drums started up in the rock concert area as Foreigner, Styx, and Kansas began warming up their instruments.

## July 1 Independence Day event will open gate to public

Thursday, July 1, may witness the biggest birthday bash for America that Dugway Proving Ground has ever hosted, with the Army post open to the public to rock out to a major Salt Lake City band.

The July 1 concert by Royal Bliss is scheduled as part of the annual Safety & Independence Day celebration at Dugway. It will kick off a four-day weekend for Dugway workers: Monday, July 5 is a federal holiday. Royal Bliss will begin playing at 7:30 p.m. Dugway's gate will open to the public after the 5 p.m. flag retreat. The cost for public visitors is \$5 per person or \$10 per carload and includes concert admission. Proceeds go to

the Family & Morale, Welfare and Recreation (F&MWR) office for costs associated with the event. Visitors need a state driver's license or identification card. Vehicle registration and proof of insurance are required.

Military personnel, and Dugway residents and workers, get in free with proper ID. The concert area will be blocked off, preventing the public from wandering into housing and administrative areas, said Keith Colbert, F&MWR business operations director.

For Dugway workers, the event will begin at noon with safety displays. At 4 p.m., COL William E. King IV, commander of Dugway

Proving Ground, and Tony Cox, garrison manager, will host an opening ceremony to begin the fun. A parade will begin after the 5 p.m. flag retreat. There will be activities for children; fireworks will be launched at dark.

Dugway is a military installation: the public may not bring firearms or alcohol on post. State concealed weapon permits are invalid. There are no facilities to store firearms at the gate. Food, beverages and alcoholic drinks will be sold at the Community Club, near the concert stage.

Royal Bliss has released seven albums since 1997 and is working on its eighth.

For more information call (435) 831 2344.

# Let your knowlege be your legacy

Every one of us wants to leave this world a better place than when we arrived. We can do this by developing a high work ethic, being a great example, living with integrity, etc. One way we can contribute is by sharing our knowledge and expertise and leaving a legacy for future generations.

In today's world we are interdependent upon one another — almost every action we conduct affects someone else. It is essential for us to create a world of equal opportunities and to share our knowledge and build partnerships. At Dugway Proving Ground, we are very fortunate to have a highly educated, professional workforce. I have been extremely impressed with the level of expertise found here. What a great opportunity we have to learn from one another and to share that knowledge with others.

We have the ability to influence the youth of the next generation by helping them understand they too can have a great future by learning and obtaining information about the sciences, mathematics, engineering and other types of technology. Many times youth need someone to believe in them, to encourage them, or to point

the way. Every one of us can become discouraged and, in particular, teenagers can doubt their abilities. We then find that some of them get into trouble and others don't reach their full career potential. Either way they live in an unfulfilled state.

I would encourage each of you to start with your own children, if applicable, and reach out to others. One way of showing gratitude for the abilities you possess is through serving others. Service can be as easy as volunteering at the school, assisting a student with a math problem, judging a science fair, or listening and giving advice. These may seem as if they are small things, but encouraging another individual to reach his or her full potential can change a life. We never know, if with some encouragement, the youth we took time to assist may make a major contribution to society.

Take the opportunity to be a teacher, advise us of activities where Dugway Proving Ground can make a difference, and just share your knowledge with others. What matters most in this life is our relationships—don't be SO busy that you overlook others. You never know, given the



**COL William E. King IV**

talented youth we have today, genuine caring and mentorship may result in a change for the better for the entire world!

## Jogging, running, biking or walking: let's be safe on the installation

Greetings Dugway Soldiers, Families, civilians and contractors. A warm-hearted thanks to all that supported the Asian Pacific Day, and the Super Motor Sport Bike display. I've heard nothing but great reviews of the professionalism of those involved, who represent our community and what we do here at Dugway.

This month, I want to discuss the increase in physical activities on roads at all hours. The warmer weather is allowing more personnel -- Soldiers and non-military -- to do more physical activities on our streets here in English Village. I want to emphasize that when approaching, passing and pulling away from individuals running, or walking on the streets, the speed limit is 5 mph.

Signs are posted throughout English Village. Do not pass FORMATION(s) of running or walking Soldiers when they're on the road, unless a person of the formation waves the vehicle forward in a safe manner.

These are very serious safety issues that we

must obey and follow to ensure our safety here on Dugway.

If you haven't already noticed, there is an increase of Soldier activity on Dugway. The Soldiers that are temporarily training this summer, and the JLENS unit, have begun to arrive. Be sure to welcome our new Soldiers and provide assistance if they need it.

Summer, of course, brings barbecues, swimming, outdoor sports and more walking around the neighborhoods. Running or walking down the middle of the street is not authorized, day or night.

Joggers must jog on the left side of the road, facing traffic, and be as far off the road as possible. Joggers will always yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic.

Pedestrians or bicyclists must have reflective materials on clothing while running or riding at night, except for pedestrians in

approved walkways. The use of headphones and earphones while walking, jogging, skating, bicycling and operating motor vehicles on any Dugway street or road is prohibited. Jogging or bicycling on Stark Road is not permitted at any time. (Source: DPG Regulation 190-1).

By being careful drivers and pedestrians, and emphasizing proper and respectable conduct at all times, DPG can continue to be an example of a safe Army community.

We're all here together; let's have a safe and fun summer. See you out and about!



**SGM Stanley D. Morton**

**Most people don't need to be told what isn't working. The acceptance of the way things are can be replaced with real actions that build a community, work force and installation. Let me know when there's a problem. Here's how: Leave your message along with your name, or anonymously, on the Commander's Hotline at 831-3737.**

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# LUAU

## *The Spirit of Dugway's Aloha*



Staff Sgt. Travis Coats

**By Al Vogel**  
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Colorful dancers sway and strut rhythmically, wearing costumes as bright as tropical birds. Bronze rays of a low sun turn their faces golden -- yet the snow-covered Stansbury Mountains loom behind to remind: "You're in Utah, not Waikiki."

The May 20 luau at the Dugway Golf Course, in recognition of Asian Pacific Month, didn't have tropical breezes,

but the 60s seemed balmy compared to the long, cold and wet spring Dugwayites had endured for months.

The Network Enterprise Center (NEC, formerly DOIM) hosted the event with a Hawaiian theme that included authentic dishes and a whole pig roasted underground for 12 hours.

The guest speaker was Michelle Morton, a Japanese American and the wife of SGM Stanley Morton, who spoke about the history of Asian Americans and their contributions. She was introduced by COL William E. King IV, commander of Dugway Proving Ground. Chaplain (Maj.) Nathan Zimmerman led the food blessing. Mike Cassun, director of NEC, proclaimed the festivity's start.

A highlight of the luau was a

demonstration of various Pacific Island dances by "Island Style," a group of young men and women based in Orem.

"Planning for this event took six weeks and involved NEC personnel voluntarily donating their time and money toward the success of the event," Cassun said. "Recognition and thanks go out to all members of NEC, and the Dugway community who assisted."

Principal organizers were Al DeCambra, MyDung (Irene) DeCambra, Peggy Skinner, Kenni Melton, Toni Koford, Brandon Kartevold, Codey Hardman, Margaret (Rose) Lemmon, Dorian Lemmon, John Dabel and Ryan Eilerts.



Photo  
Jerry  
"Monk"  
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Guest speaker Michelle Morton



"Island style" of Orem wore authentic attire to demonstrate the various dances of Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand and other Pacific cultures.



There were plenty of pit-roasted pig and other authentic dishes to be sampled or piled high on the plate.



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## Ban on motor vehicles

# BLM restricts 27,100 acres

By Al Vogel  
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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has closed public land to all motor vehicles east of the Skull Valley road (state Route 196), from the northern boundary of the Goshute Reservation to Interstate 80

(roughly, mileposts 13 to 37). The ban includes off-road motor vehicles.

The closure bans motorized vehicles on approximately 27,100 acres of public land, including public roads, along an area about 24 miles long, 13 miles north of Dugway Proving Ground.

The ban on motorized vehicles is expected to be two years or more, while the land's vegetation regenerates from the devastating Big Pole Fire of August, 2009 that burned flat rangeland and portions of the Stansbury Mountains. Charred trees, and ash up to a foot deep, were left in some places.

Vertical signs declaring the ban on motor vehicles have been driven into the ground at public road entrances along the eastern edge of the Skull Valley Road. The motor vehicle ban extends east from the road to the crest of the Stansbury Mountains.

The closure only applies to motorized vehicles; walking, bicycling and horseback riding are still allowed. The closure does not apply to the highway itself, or public land west of it. The 2009 fire was stopped at the eastern edge of the highway.

### No Target Shooting

Similarly, Tooele County has enacted an ordinance prohibiting target shooting within the same area closed to motor vehicles by the BLM. The ordinance does not prohibit hunting in the area, but motor vehicles cannot be used. Comparatively little hunting is done in the area. Law enforcement will regularly patrol the area during the ban. Violators, or those who damage signs, may be issued a citation and tried before a U.S. Magistrate. Maximum punishment is a

\$1,000 fine, and 12 months imprisonment, or both. Enhanced federal fines may also be applied.

The BLM offers cash rewards up to \$250 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person(s) violating the motor vehicle ban or damaging BLM signs. To report a violator, call the BLM at

801-977- 4300.

After business hours, call 9-1-1 and the dispatcher will contact the BLM. Tooele County Commissioner Jerry Hurst said that he toured the affected area and found large areas denuded of vegetation by the fire. "We were out there yesterday (May 19) and it's in bad, bad shape," he said.

The BLM asked Tooele County to ban target shooting in the area, Hurst said, to further discourage motor vehicle use during

the ban. Resource specialists are concerned about damage to soil, watershed, vegetation and cultural resources from motor vehicles on sensitive, burned areas left by the Big Pole Fire, the biggest fire of the season. Motorized traffic may damage unburned plant material, while creating ruts that channel water and cause the loss of topsoil, the BLM said in a press release.

"The damage doesn't end when the wildfire stops," said Glenn Carpenter, the BLM's West Desert District manager. "Mud and floods were an immediate threat following the extreme severity of Big Pole. Now we're entering a season where we can measure results through monitoring efforts."

The ban on motor vehicles includes the increasingly popular camping and four-wheeling area across from Horseshoe Springs, on the east side of the road.

Recently, Boy Scout troops from West Valley assisted the BLM in restoring native plants to the burned area. Throughout the winter, the BLM deposited seeds of native vegetation, to out-compete weeds, cheat grass and non-native plants that may seize the opportunity.

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## National publication praises Dugway's unscathed dunes

By Al Vogel  
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High Country News, a publication largely concerned with environmental issues in the western states, has listed Dugway Proving Ground as one of 11 government-owned installations that has an "ecological claim to fame."

The list is entitled "For wilderness, look to a wasteland." Limited or restricted public access to the installations, and a concerted effort to preserve threatened or endangered environments or species, has maintained the wilderness.

The online publication says about DPG:

"Considered one of the 'most important protected areas in the Great Basin,' Dugway Proving Ground is home to a relatively unscathed system of sand dunes, rare habitat that is easily disturbed by human activity."



Other installations, where limited access and conservation efforts have preserved species and environments are:

**Arizona:** Barry M. Goldwater Range.

**California:** Beale Air Force Base, Naval Station Coronado, San Clemente Island, and Camp Pendleton.

**Colorado:** Fort Carson, Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site.

**Idaho:** Idaho National Laboratory.

**Nevada:** Nevada Test Site.

**New Mexico:** Los Alamos National Laboratory, Kirtland Air Force Base.

**Washington:** Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base.

"The Department of Defense owns title and fee to some of the best and last remaining habitat in the continental U.S.," said Robbie Knight, a wildlife biologist with Dugway's Environmental Programs Office.

Knight noted the DoD manages these lands as well as any other agency or group. As the land outside the fenceline becomes more developed, the protected lands become more important to plants and animals.

"I have seen this called, 'Islands of diversity (biological) in a sea of development (concrete),' Knight said. "This is a trend that will become increasingly important to DoD managers in the next several decades. I have been to most of the locations on this list and agree – they are stellar land holdings."

The article may be viewed at High Country News at [www.hcn.org](http://www.hcn.org).



# We are the winners



Story and photos by Al Vogel  
Public Affairs Specialist

Whether on a track, stage or musical note, the students of Dugway High School recently earned a number of regional and state competition awards.

It's a remarkable feat: the school has only 69 students in grades 9 through 12 from which to draw competitors, and 103 students total in 7 through 12.

At the Utah State Track & Field Championships at Brigham Young University, May 14 and 15, the track team ran like its mascot: the mustang.

## Nichols: No. 1 in state

Breanna Nichols became state champion in the 300 meter hurdles. It was her second consecutive year of taking the title, crossing the line at 48.15 seconds, a full second ahead of the runner-up from Altamont. Last year, she took first in the same event with 47.69 seconds.

This year, Nichols took fourth place in the 200 meter race as well. Nichols, Lindsey Kimler, Katie Nielson and Kylee Morse took second place in the 4X100-meter girls relay. The same four took third place in the 1,600-meter medley relay. Kimler took fourth place in the 100 meter hurdles. Jake Palmer placed fourth in discus. Nielson placed fourth in the 800 meter



**Breanna Nichols**

run, and sixth place in the 1,600 meter run. Chandra Christensen placed ninth in the discus.

The track coaches are Jaren Wadsworth, Robert Broadhead and Meg Morse.

Wadsworth said, "Big hearts. Nine girls and seven boys completed the season. The girls took seventh overall out of 23 schools, and the boys tied for 16th. I'm proud of their efforts, more than anything."

## Nielson, choir rate high

Katie Nielson received a superior 1 rating for her clarinet solo April 24 at the state open competition in Alpine, for 1A through 5A schools.

The choir received a superior rating for its performance. Members include Jake Palmer, John "Ducky" Bridgman, Kylee Morse, Rachel McCarty, Cori Harper, Amy Webster, Nikki Cripple, Krystal Fonger and Lindsey Kimler.



**Superior actors: (Rear) Sam Hancock, John Bridgman, Cody Sheffey; (Front) Chandra Christensen, Summer Bloyer and Gabrielle Neafsey.**



**Katie Nielson**

Music director Leroy Nielson, who is also the father of Katie, has been teaching music at the high school for 32 years.

"This is the most we've taken for several years, the most of any 1A school, and we scored the highest of any year that we ever have. This is the best choir group we've ever had," Nielson said.

## Drama: superior awards

Six members of the drama club competed at the regional competition April 10 in Eureka, and the state competition April 17 at Parowan High School. They placed in both events.

The three girls – Chandra Christensen, Summer Bloyer and Gabrielle Neafsey – received superior ratings. The three boys – Sam Hancock, John Bridgman and Cody Sheffey brought in two superiors and one excellent rating. The drama teacher is Shawn Ferriola.

# Sergeants Cook and Brown re-up; Chitiea new specialist



**Sergeants Jesse Brown and Christopher Cook reenlist in front of the Headquarters Building in English Village, May 26.**

Story and photo by Al Vogel  
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Two sergeants from the Dugway Clinic "re-upped" May 26, witnessed by about 20 of their peers and Old Glory on the flagpole in front of the command building.

Sgt. Christopher Cook and Sgt. Jesse Brown raised their hands and reenlisted – Cook for six years and Brown for four. For the Soldiers assembled it was a proud moment, to see two highly regarded non-commissioned officers stay in and serve.

For Master Sgt. Jeffery Godines, NCO in charge of the clinic, it was a satisfying moment.

"I like seeing good NCOs reenlisting and

staying in the Army," he said at the beginning of the ceremony.

Lt. Col. Niklas Putnam, chief of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency 2nd Detachment at Dugway, was the only officer to attend the ceremony. With obvious pride he swore both sergeants into reenlistment.

"It is a distinct honor and privilege to select an officer to do this," Putnam said, adding that when the lowest-ranked officer – a second lieutenant – newly arrives in a unit, it's the NCOs that guide and teach him the finer points of Soldiering. That assistance from NCOs never stops during an officer's career.

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# BLM Bull Hog chews up juniper trees; spits out wildlife habitat & fire control

By Al Vogel  
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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is removing large swaths of juniper trees on public land along Highway 199, in Johnson's Pass east of Dugway Proving Ground. The Big Hollow Project is expected to continue through the summer.

The trees are mechanically cut down to reduce the risk of high-intensity wildfires and to benefit wildlife and the watershed by restoring sagebrush to areas overgrown by juniper trees. Drivers are cautioned that there may be large machinery near the highway.

Begun in early May, the Big Hollow Project is removing trees from about 1,400 acres, chipping and shredding them, and redistributing the pieces over the landscape to hold in moisture and retain soil. This will encourage native plant growth, noted Brook Chadwick, fuels program manager for the BLM's West Desert Fire Zone. The growth of native plants benefits wildlife and discourages noxious weeds and cheat grass.

When freshly shredded, the wood chips are stark orange, in sharp contrast to the green and gray of the landscape. After a year, the orange fades into a blending gray. Seedlings will begin to sprout and wildlife will benefit.

It is believed that the Big Hollow Project will not require seeding for sagebrush; studies indicate there is ample viable seed in the soil.

The BLM and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources partnered on the project. It was partly funded by the Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI), a collection of about 50 groups, agencies and private landowners interested in watershed restoration in Utah.

"We work together instead of separately," Chadwick said. "It's been going on for about six years."

Early 1900s photos show that sagebrush was predominant on the Stansbury Mountains, under which grew a number of plant species that benefit wildlife. Today, those areas are covered by juniper trees that offer little to wildlife and have crowded out sagebrush and understory plants.

Excellent examples of the change may be found in a series of 1930s photos of the Civilian Conservation Corps camp on the east slope of the



Photos courtesy Bureau of Land Management

**The Bull Hog is a machine that can be configured in different ways, so they don't all look the same. At Johnson's Pass, it's used as an excavator on tracks (versus rubber tires). The tracked equipment with the long arm can work on steep slopes and reach out to shred the juniper. The Bull Hog is made by Fecon Inc. of Lebanon, Ohio.**

Stansbury Mountains, and identical views today, at [http://nw-utah-heritage.com/year03/fall03/articles/ccc\\_art01.htm](http://nw-utah-heritage.com/year03/fall03/articles/ccc_art01.htm)

"100 years ago, before the area was changed by modern man, it was mostly sagebrush," said Chadwick. "Removing the trees will allow the sagebrush to grow back; it will help the wintering mule deer populations in the area because they eat sagebrush."

There are various theories to explain the increased growth of native juniper and pinyon pine trees in the West, some of them hotly debated.

"Each are based upon science, politics and personal bias or a combination of these," Chadwick said.

While a definitive cause(s) remains elusive, indications are that the juniper trees began their expansion in the 1870s, flourished from the early 1900s to the 1950s and

the expansion rate has slowed somewhat since. Well before the tree cutting began, studies were conducted to determine how to best improve the habitat by removing some of the trees.

"We look really close at each woodland site to determine what the potential is for that site, based upon soil types, precipitation amounts, etc. before we decide how to manage that area."

Two other juniper tree removal projects have been conducted on the east slope of the Stansbury Mountains, neither of them much visible by motorists. The first began in 2006, removing about 1,000 acres of juniper across the highway and north of Clover Creek Campground. The other project removed about 2,000 acres of juniper trees south of Clover Creek, some on private land, and all organized through WRI.

Since 2001, the BLM has instituted more than 85,000 acres of vegetation treatments in northwestern Utah. Land cleared of excess juniper trees in 2004 has already shown a marked increase in understory vegetation, Chadwick noted.

For more information on the Big Hollow project go to [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).



**The head at the end of the Bull Hog's long arm has carbide teeth on a rotating disk that shreds the juniper.**



# Military spouses thanked: shopping, lunch & movie



Photo courtesy ACS

**Michelle Morton, Amber McRaney, Michelle Mathis and Theresa Castro in front of Spaghetti Mama's May 7.**

**By Arthur Reilly  
Army Community Services**

We call them 'military dependents' but they know better: military spouses are fiercely independent. Without that independence, it would be infinitely harder for our troops to "soldier on."

Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FWMR) treated Dugway's Army spouses to a day in town May 7, to show support for their

many sacrifices made on behalf of our Soldiers.

Spc. Carlos Ortiz-Colon volunteered to drive the FMWR van of spouses to the South Towne Center in Sandy for a few hours of shopping, followed by lunch at Spaghetti Mama's restaurant and a movie at Jordan Commons.

FMWR donated gift certificates for golfing and pizza, used as Bingo prizes during the trip. A donated bath/spa basket was the "black out" prize, won by Michelle Mathis. Greg Mason of ACS also volunteered his time.

Army Community Service employees met the spouses at the restaurant to make sure everything went smoothly. Lunch was at the Flying Pie pizzeria inside Spaghetti Mama's. After lunch, the spouses watched, "The Back Up Plan" at the Mega-Plex 17 movie theater, courtesy of the Larry H. Miller Group.

Outside the theater auditorium a special concession stand was open, just for the spouses, with free soda and popcorn.

In his proclamation for Military Spouse Appreciation Day 2010, President Barack Obama said, "At the heart of our Armed Forces, service members' spouses keep our military families on track."

Military Spouse Appreciation Day was instituted in 1984 by President Ronald Reagan, for the Friday before Mother's Day each year, as a way to recognize their vital support.

# Clinic Soldiers adopt 8 miles of Highway 199



Photo by Master Sgt. Jeffery Godines

**By Al Vogel  
Public Affairs**

Eight miles of roadside along Highway 199 look much better, thanks to the efforts of 14 Soldiers from the Dugway Clinic. In five hours on May 13, between mileposts 8 and 16, they filled 45 garbage bags.

The eight miles were centered at the top of Johnson's Pass – 6,049 feet (1,954 meters) above sea level. Four miles on the east and west sides of the Stansbury Mountains were cleared of litter. During the cleanup, the Soldiers experienced snow and bright sunshine – not unusual in the high desert of Utah.

Master Sgt. Jeffery Godines, the clinic's non-commissioned officer in charge, said the clinic registered with the Utah Adopt-A-Highway program and will pick up trash along those same eight miles the first Friday of each month.

"This is all part of the Soldiers wanting to give back to the Dugway community," Godines said, adding that it goes along with the DUI awareness program last month at Dugway High School, and a science project at the school.

A group is needed to pick up trash along Highway 199 from Dugway's main gate to milepost 8. The Utah Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program will provide safety vests and trash bags, then haul away the full bags. An Adopt-A-Highway sign with the volunteer group's name is erected along its cleanup route.

Adopt-A-Highway is a two-year, voluntary commitment to clean litter from at least two miles of highway or state road. Volunteers must do a minimum of three cleanups per year. To register for the program, call (801) 975-4950.

# DVD rental drop coming to Shoppette

Coming to the Dugway PX: cheaper DVD movies and more selection!

A fully automated movie rental machine is expected to be installed in early June at the PX, replacing the shelves of movies now displayed. The movie machine, contracted from Tejax Videos of San Antonio, Texas, will stock 110 movies at \$1 per day rental.

The machine, installed in the PX's foyer, will accept only VISA and MasterCard credit cards. All movies must be returned by 6 p.m. the next day or the renter's credit card gets automatically billed. Late fees are \$1 per day. After reaching \$24.98 (25 days past due), the maximum is reached and the movie becomes the renter's property.

Renters may deposit their movies at either the Dugway PX, or Hill Air Force Base, which both stock Tejas Video machines. Hill Air Force Base's AAFES office, which supplies Dugway's PX, recently obtained a larger capacity Tejas Video machine. The smaller machine, used very little, is being sent to Dugway to modernize the movie renting system here.

Cassandra Jones, assistant manager of the Dugway PX, noted that the movies may be rented by anyone; they need not be residents. The automated rental system will be much easier and more convenient than the current one because it won't require PX personnel to track down delinquent renters.



FORT RUCKER, Ala. – The summer season is fast approaching and the Army has launched its 2010 Safe Summer campaign, continuing its commitment to safeguarding the lives of Soldiers, Families and civilians.

“Historically, our off-duty fatality rates inevitably increase from April to September,” said Brig. Gen. William Wolf, commander of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center and director of Army Safety. “In fiscal year 2009, almost 40 percent of our accidents occurred April to September.”

The 2010 campaign stresses the importance of safety awareness to reduce risks during the summer months. It will run through September 30. It encourages fun this summer, but urges vigilance with every activity.

“Our Soldiers are working hard and playing harder than ever and we are not telling them to stop what they’re doing,” said Wolf. “Instead, we’re asking them to ‘Play It Safe’ in all their off-duty activities, because safety is the key to ensuring a good time for all.”

The Safe Summer campaign can be found at <https://safety.army.mil>.

## Five ways to avoid food poisoning

- 1.** Avoid cross-contamination. This occurs when bacteria from one food item is transferred to another, usually by way of unwashed cutting boards, countertops, hands and knives.
- 2.** Separate ready to eat foods from meats. Use a separate cutting board and knife to cut fruits and veggies and raw meat and seafood.
- 3.** Clean everything. Use anti-bacterial dishwashing liquid or wipe surfaces with ½ teaspoon of household bleach in one liter of water.
- 4.** Cook food thoroughly. Use a meat thermometer to measure the internal temperature of cooked meat and poultry. Juices should run clear when cooked completely. Ground beef should be grey when done, not pink. This could cause serious illness.
- 5.** Keep food cold to slow growth of micro-organisms. Refrigerators should be 4°C/40°F or below. Freezers should be at 18°C/0°F.

# How to reduce your kids' injury risk during the summer months

By Bonnie A. Robinson  
Public Affairs Specialist

Summertime, the living should be fun. For most children this means swimming, bike riding, and traveling someplace exciting. But it's also a prime time for kids to get injured.

Last summer more than 130 children were hurt in Utah primarily from car, water and heat-related accidents, Utah safety officials said.

A few reminders can help everyone have a happy, fun and safe summer.

## Drowning

Among children ages 1 to 4, drowning is nearly tied with motor-vehicle accidents as the leading cause of death. Incidents frequently revolve around a lake, stream, swimming pool or even a bathtub.

**How to reduce the risk:** Never leave a child unattended near any body of water or allow a kid to swim without supervision.

Teach your child to swim, but still do not to leave them unsupervised. “Parents shouldn’t get a false sense of security because there’s no such thing as drown-proofing your child,” Garry Gardner, a pediatrician in Darien, Ill., and chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ committee. “I would recommend touch supervision under the age of 3 or 4. If you’re supervising your child in the pool, lake or any body of water, they’re only a hand reach away.”

Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket when on a lake, river or ocean while boating, water skiing, jet skiing or tubing.

Avoid making or answering phone calls; that’s the biggest distraction for parents when children are in a bath or pool, sometimes with fatal results.

Learn CPR in case of an emergency.

## Car accidents

Car accidents are the leading cause of death among children over a year old, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

**How to reduce the risk:** Using age-appropriate car seats is critical to boosting a small child’s chances of surviving a crash, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Infants from birth to at least age 1 (and up to 20 pounds) should ride facing backward in a car seat placed in the back seat. After that, children should ride in the back seat using forward-facing toddler seats and then booster seats until regular seat belts fit properly -- usually not until age 8 or when they’re 4 feet 9 inches tall, the NHTSA said.



## Kids and other car-related accidents

Nearly 42 percent of the non-traffic fatalities in children under age 15 between 2004 and 2008 happened because drivers backed over kids, who often were in the vehicles’ blind spots, according to Kids and Cars, a nonprofit organization that tracks such accidents.

**How to reduce the risk:** Teach children not to play in or around cars and supervise them carefully around vehicles. Make sure kids aren’t around before pressing the gas pedal.

## Kids, cars and heatstroke

It doesn’t take long for a child left in a car to overheat and die. More than 18 percent of non-traffic deaths occurred because children got heatstroke after being left in cars. Other risks include power-window strangulation, trunk entrapment and vehicles that are accidentally set in motion.

**How to reduce the risk:** A great way to remember this is for drivers to place a stuffed animal in the front seat, or a briefcase or purse in the back seat, so they don’t forget about the child in the back seat.



## Head injuries

Brain injuries remain among the most devastating for patients.

**How to reduce the risk:** Always use the proper car seat or seat belts. Make sure kids wear sport-specific helmets when they’re playing sports or riding bicycles or skateboards. A child’s aversion to helmets is no excuse to not wear them.



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## Summer bugs

# The good, the bad & the ugly

Summertime brings warm weather, barbecues, pool parties, backyard camping, vacations and lots of fun. But it also brings out the bugs.

By Bonnie A. Robinson  
Public Affairs Specialist

## Bees

Bees can be pretty scary for kids, and if one lands on a child his first instinct may be to flail, run or swat at the insect. This can agitate the bee and cause it to sting.



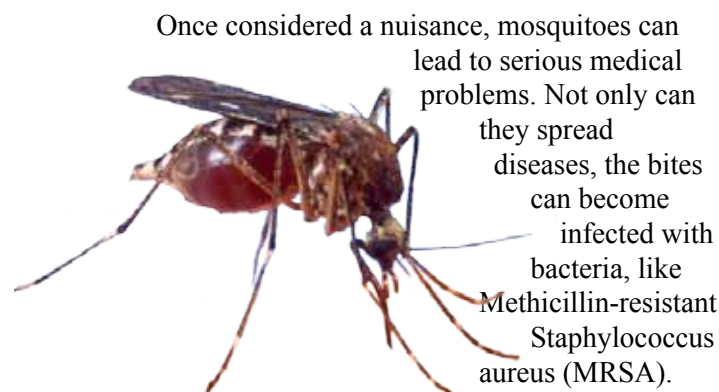
### What to do if a bee lands on your child?

Tell the child to stay still and pretend he's a statue. Blow gently on the bee to encourage it to fly away without startling it.

### What if the child is stung?

Take the stinger out quickly. The longer it stays in the more venom it releases. Scrape with a credit card or fingernail rather than pinching with your fingers or using tweezers. Pinching can release more venom. If you see a black dot the stinger is still in place.

## Mosquitoes



Once considered a nuisance, mosquitoes can lead to serious medical problems. Not only can they spread diseases, the bites can become infected with bacteria, like Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

### What's the best protection?

Apply insect repellent. Spray the repellent on the child's exposed skin and clothing six to eight inches away. Avoid spraying under their clothing and on their faces. Instead, spray a small amount onto your hands and carefully apply to their faces and necks.

### What else can you do?

In addition to repellent, dress kids in loose-fitting, long sleeved clothing that doesn't include bright colors. Encourage kids to wear socks and shoes rather than sandals. Avoid using scented soaps that attract insects. Stay away from still water where mosquitoes breed.

## Cryptosporidium

What's in the water? Sometimes it's hard to see. Cryptosporidium, aka Crypto, is a parasite that causes outbreaks of diarrhea, stomach cramps and nausea. It can be found in community pools, water parks and fountains that recycle water. It can also be found in streams, rivers and lakes.

### What can you do?

Do not swallow the water. Crypto is chlorine-resistant and can live in a properly chlorinated pool for up to 10 days, according to Vincent Iannelli, MD a board certified Pediatrician and Fellow of the American Academy of pediatrics and creator of *keepkidshealthy.com*

Listen to the news. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Swimming Pool Foundation (NSPF) have established a Cryptosporidium outbreak alert system. When the CDC and NSPF become aware of a crypto outbreak, NSPF will broadcast a regional email ([nspf.org](http://nspf.org).) alert to individuals and to professional aquatics groups.



### Don't be part of the problem.

Wash your hands after using the bathroom. Do not swim if you have diarrhea. Wait two weeks after diarrhea has stopped before swimming. Change diapers often. Change diapers in the bathroom, not at the poolside. Wash your child's bottom with soap and water after changing a diaper, and then wash your hands with soap and water, Utah Department of Health officials say.

### How is it treated?

Crypto can be treated with anti-diarrheal medicines, including the FDA-approved anti-protozoal drug nitazoxanide. Most people with healthy immune systems can usually recover without medication, according to information at the CDC's Web site, and the symptoms are usually gone in about a week or two. If you're concerned see your doctor.

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## Don't go up in flames



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*Summer is the barbecue and picnic season, so light up the grill, but follow these safety tips:*

### Summer grilling safety tips:

- ▶ Read the instructions to your grill unit to ensure safe assembly and cooking practices. Place grill on stable, level surface.
- ▶ Choose a safe grilling location, away from children's play areas and heavy traffic areas.
- ▶ Grill in a well-ventilated area to avoid carbon monoxide fumes. Never grill inside, or in a semi-enclosed area like a tent or camper. Choose a flat stable platform space for the grill.
- ▶ Never move a hot grill and never leave a grill unattended.
- ▶ Don't wear loose clothing when grilling, to avoid catching fire.
- ▶ Be ready to extinguish flames by using baking soda to control a grease fire and have a fire extinguisher available and ready. If you do not have a fire extinguisher, use a bucket of sand.

### Gas Grill Safety:

- ▶ Use exact type of tank and fuel specified in the manual.
- ▶ Check hoses and valve connections for leaks often. Check for leaks by pouring soapy water on the connection points. If bubbles appear, retighten connections and test again.
- ▶ Transport and store liquid propane cylinders in an upright position in a place that will not exceed 125 degrees Fahrenheit.

### Charcoal Grill Safety:

- ▶ Talk to kids about the dangers of a lit grill.
- ▶ Never start a fire with gasoline.
- ▶ If using instant briquettes, spread them into a single layer; making sure they touch at the edges. Light several at the edges with a match.
- ▶ If using standard briquettes, stacking them in a pyramid allows air circulation and faster lighting.
- ▶ Apply lighter fluid *BEFORE* lighting. Allow at least one minute for lighter fluid to soak in. Never add fluid to coals once they are lit.



# DPG employee gallops into history

By Al Vogel  
Public Affairs Specialist

For 11 years, Michael Robinson has participated in the annual Pony Express Association re-ride. He is the only Dugway worker or resident known to be in this year's re-ride.

Each year, the national re-ride follows the original route between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif. Robinson will ride his Arabian horse, Joe Courage.

"Arabians have a lot of heart and run like the wind," Robinson said. "I think they are an ideal horse for Pony Express re-rides."

The first re-ride began 50 years ago, to mark the 100th anniversary of the Pony Express creation in 1860. Several Utah chapter members of the National Pony Express Association, who rode 50 years ago, will ride in this year's 150th anniversary.

The riding team to which Robinson belongs will take the mail June 14 from Lookout Pass in the Onaqui Mountains, about 20 road miles east of Simpson Springs, to Murray Park near Salt Lake City – a total of about 80 miles.

Most re-riders get two rides of two miles each, but because of this year's popularity, and to allow all riders to participate, some riders may only get one, two-mile ride.

Utah's west desert is one of the favorite areas for the re-riders, because it is so unchanged, remote and void of habitation.



Photo by Jennie Yaede

**Michael Robinson, an environmental specialist at Dugway, and his horse Joe Courage will ride in the 150th Pony Express re-ride June 14. Robinson learned to ride on his grandfather's ranch in Laveen, Ariz. Joe Courage is one of Robinson's three Arabian horses; he also owns a quarter horse mare.**

"My favorite rides are on the Pony Express trail in the west desert," Robinson said. "You really get a feel for what the first Pony Express riders experienced, when you are galloping across it, in the middle of the night, under the moonlight. It is kind of a historical handshake over the years with those first Pony Express riders."

## Six Army Family Action Plan issues resolved 8; still active

Six of the 15 Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) issues identified for further action in January have been resolved, with eight still active and one issue formally unattainable.

**Enclose and upgrade the pool** for year-round use (formally unattainable): The great expense, and the need to have lifeguards year-round, puts this issue out of reach.

**PX Shoppette** (active): Changes and remodeling are under discussion. A recent survey team took measurements west of the PX for a possible expansion but no plans are announced.

**Dugway theater** (active): The inoperative soda fountain was replaced, but there are no plans to replace the seating or upgrade the projection system that dates back at least 20 years, said Arthur Reilly, AFAP program manager. The theater still uses film, which industry-wide is being replaced by digital. Upgrade to digital would be \$30,000. Upgrade to show 3-D films would be another \$30,000.

"It's a rough row to hoe because they don't make money at the theater," Reilly said.

**Family events** (active): More were requested, and the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) office responded with events that included the recent Cinco de Mayo, Mardi Gras and Asian/Pacific luau. Resolved.

**Reopen the Youth Services building** (active): Like others, this depends on funding and use. The issue remains under examination.

**AAFES services** (active): A bid announcement for a new operator at the beauty and barber shop, in the Dugway Mall, has been sent out. The issue awaits bidders.

**Water softeners** (resolved): It was determined that it is not cost effective to install water softeners throughout housing, as it did not save money on appliance maintenance or repair. Not all softeners use salt, but those that do ran afoul of environmental concerns over the salt.

**Youth Services registration** (resolved): When the issue came up, efforts were already underway. It is now available online.

**Child Development Center fees** (resolved): Calculation for Soldiers was examined and determined to be in compliance with policies. Resolved.

**Drug and alcohol use at the high school were alleged** (resolved): The result was drug searches, the use of a drug dog, a graphic enactment of a DUI crash with "fatalities" in the school parking lot and continued vigilance. No arrests were made.

**A fitness program for civilian workers**

## Pony Express re-ride offers free burger, music and history

By Al Vogel  
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Witness history Sunday, June 13, and get a free hamburger, when a Pony Express re-rider gallops into Simpson Springs Campground south of Dugway.

The re-ride marks the 150th anniversary of the Pony Express' founding in 1860. It delivered mail along 1,966 miles between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif., until going bankrupt in 1861. Locally, the original route is a dirt road outside Dugway's fenceline.

The re-rider is expected to gallop into Simpson Springs Campground – 20 miles from Dugway -- between 5 and 6 p.m. Re-riders will be changed about 7 p.m. and continue east from Simpson Springs.

Tooele County and the Tooele County Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a free hamburger barbecue for the public.

"We're preparing for 300 and hope that's enough," Tooele County Commissioner Jerry Hurst said.

Simpson Springs Campground is easily accessed by car: go outside Dugway's gate and turn right (south) on the road beside the Mormon Church. Continue down the dirt road about 10 miles, until reaching a large Y. Take the right (west) leg of the Y and continue to an intersecting dirt road – the original Pony Express route. Turn right (west) and follow the original route another 8 miles or so to the campground.

The event is potluck; many may bring side dishes or use traditional Dutch Ovens to cook great chuck. Even a bag of chips is welcome.

Guitarists will play and sing traditional songs. Stew Paulick, who rode in the 100th anniversary in 1960 and will ride again this year, will discuss what it's like. Pat Hearty, president of the Utah

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# My Dugway Army Life

**My name:** Mariam Louise Tassie Leavitt.

**My job:** Accounting for MWR (budget analyst).

**My childhood ambition:** To be a teacher. My father wanted me to be a lawyer and run for Congress. He had a lot more faith in my abilities than I had.

**My first job:** The summer I was 16, I worked for Metropolitan Laundry as a shaker. I took the sheets and pillow cases out of the washer, shook them out and hung them on a wooden rod in such a way that the people ironing them could pick up a corner and easily run them through the mangle.

**My Soundtrack:** I don't listen to soundtracks; I leave that to my 16-year-old granddaughter.

**My last purchase:** I don't remember, but it was probably something for my great-grandchildren. Probably books. I love to buy them books from the "Purple Cow" in Tooele.

**My alarm clock:** A clock radio tuned to KSL. I like to hear the news but all they have on the station at 4:30 am is financial reports.

**My fondest memory:** I have a lot of great memories. The day I was married, the days my children were born, the days my grandchildren and great-grandchildren were born. I have a fond memory from a day when my husband and I were driving into Tooele from Dugway; we decided we were not going to talk about anything negative. After we agreed it was a lovely day, we couldn't think of anything else to say. By the time we got to Tooele, we were laughing our heads off.

**My retreat:** Friday home alone.

**My perfect day:** All of my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren coming to see me at the same time. (Hopefully they won't wait until my funeral.)

**My indulgence:** "Skinny Cow" chocolate ice cream bars or "Quaker Oats" chocolate covered granola bars (Granny Bars).

**My wildest dream:** Hawaii. Someday, I will go to Hawaii.

**My hobbies:** Crocheting, reading, scrapbooking (I started with one book and now I have over 20). I get pictures of my grandchildren and great-grandchildren from their parents' Facebook pages. One of my favorite scrapbooks is the one I put together honoring the military service of my family members. Three of my ancestors participated in the Revolutionary War. Members of my family served in almost every war since. I have a cousin, Russell Seymour Jensen, who was in Corregidor when it fell. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese in April 1942. In Sept. 1944, he was put on a prisoner-of-war ship sailing to Japan. The Americans didn't know it was a POW ship and torpedoed it. Russell is buried in the Pacific Ocean off the shores of Mindanao, in the Philippines.

**My biggest challenge:** Getting out of bed each morning. Once my body is moving, I'm good for the day.

**My proudest moment:** My children and grandchildren always make me proud. In November, one of my grandsons was commissioned an officer in the Army Reserve, in the Pentagon in Washington D.C. I am very proud of him.



Photo courtesy Mariam Leavitt

**My favorite music:** I like, "The Sound of Music", "Oklahoma" and "Brigadoon." My all-time favorite is "Fiddler on the Roof." I love the line in the song Tevye sings: "Would it spoil some great eternal plan, if I were a wealthy man?"

**My inspiration:** My mother, among other things. I am so grateful to my mother for teaching me tolerance for everyone. She also taught me good manners and to come in out of the rain.

**My Dugway Army Life:** Twenty-seven years with the government. We enjoyed living at Dugway before we moved to Tooele. My grandkids enjoyed visiting us on Dugway. It was always fun except for the power outages, when you didn't have something and had to drive 40 miles to get it.

## AFAP Issues

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(active): A plan was submitted to garrison. The issue remains active.

**Commissary access for non-resident contractors** (active): Under review.

**Vending machine improvements**, especially healthier snacks such as fruits (resolved): The AAFES office at Hill Air Force Base, which oversees vending on Dugway, recently awarded a new contract. Historically, fruits are in low demand and usually spoil before selling.

Consumer demand will determine choices.

**Ditto area lighting** (active): Surveyed by the safety office. Most areas meet safety standards. The issue is under study.

**Disparities in housing assignments** (resolved): Practices were reviewed and found to comply.

Reilly said he was pleased with the progress of the AFAP issues. "Forty percent are resolved. For only being five months after the initial AFAP meeting, that's a great percentage."

The next AFAP Dugway conference will be January 2011. Issues may be submitted year-round to Reilly at 831-2278.

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chapter of the National Pony Express Association, will offer Pony Express history.

Bring water, folding chairs, sunscreen, hat, camera, binoculars, a light jacket, bug spray and extra Mountain Money for the only outhouse for miles around.

Hundreds of relay riders will participate in this year's re-ride through California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri. The first re-rider left San Francisco June 6. The last re-rider gallops into St. Joseph, Mo., June 26, for a big parade and celebration.



# Dugway High School 2010 graduating class



Photo by Bonnie A. Robinson

(Left to right) Breanna Nichols, Chandra Christensen, Garret Forner, Rachel McCarty, Butch Peterson, Cori Harper, Keith Osbahr, John Bridgman, Kamren Derrickson, Sam Hancock, Nikkie Cripean, Krystal Fonger, J.P. Morgan, Garret Hensley, Gabrielle Neafsey and Lindsey Thackeray.

## Two sergeants

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"You guys keep me straight, and it is an honor and a privilege to do this today," he said.

Cook, who has served for 14 years in the Army, said, "I do love the military and I will make a career of it."

Brown has nine years in the Army and will leave for Fort Hood, Texas in August. After being sworn to reenlistment, he brought chuckles and nods of agreement by advising his fellow Soldiers: "Come in to do your best. Don't come in to get your college and be a (dirtbag)."

Next to the infantry, medics are the most

common job in the Army – 30,000 serve today, said Godines. He noted that Brown is leaving for Iraq in September, a fact he knew before he enlisted.

"Him knowing that, and reenlisting to go there, says a lot about him," said Godines with obvious admiration.

The reenlistment ceremony was over, but the formation was not dismissed: Pfc. Bridget Chitrea was promoted to Specialist. Dugway Proving Ground is her first duty station and she's impressed many of her peers, including Soldiers who have many years in the Army.

"Her work ethic is outstanding – always in the right place, the right uniform, and she never complains about the task," Godines said.

## Hometown Cheers

**To West Desert Test Center Logistics Branch:** You are often the unsung heroes -- especially **Jody Barrett** and **Jenifer Smith** -- getting all of our orders placed, with the proper authorizations, corrections, and in a timely manner. You have bailed many tests out with your knowledge and expedient work as well as your ever-pleasant attitudes! We would be in a heap of trouble without you all.

- **John Kimball**  
Chief Electronics Branch

## Dugway Credit Union opens Ditto satellite office

The Dugway Credit Union opened a satellite office June 7 in Ditto, behind the Ditto Diner.

It is accessible on the north side of the diner but not from within it. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The phone number for the satellite office is 831-4973.

The satellite office was opened to offer services to workers in the Ditto area, 11 miles

from the main office in English Village at the Dugway Mall.

Hours for the main office remain unchanged: Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday.

The phone number for the main office is 831-4983.

Thanks to the **Dugway Fire Department** for their outstanding support to the community, outside their job description.

You're always there with a ladder truck to put up signs for events, bringing a fire truck to the school to emphasize safety, giving Santa a ride or even wearing a costume for the kids. Thanks for all you do for the community!

- **Jim Nadeau**  
Chief of Counterintelligence